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COMMENTS: Re: Serial No. 09/955,919 filed September 19, 2001 Apparatus for Aircraft Seat Connector Interface to Portable Electronic Devices Dear Examiner Harvey: Please see attached proposed claim amendments. Please call me with a date for a telephone interview to discuss the proposed claim amendment. Regards, Dean W. Amburn

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A connector module adapted to be integrated disposed into an interior compartment of a mobile platform, and integrated into adjacent a seat of the mobile platform for connecting a portable electronic device to a power source and a network located on-board the mobile platform, the connector module comprising:

a housing adapted to be connected ~~disposed adjacent~~ to a portion of a seat of the mobile platform, wherein the seat comprises a seat cushion, a seat frame and a seat armrest;

a networking port disposed in the housing adapted to couple the portable electronic device to the network for providing network connectivity of the portable electronic device wherein the network is on-board the mobile platform; and

a power port disposed in the housing adapted to receive a DC power cable of the portable electronic device for providing power to the portable electronic device.

2. (Original) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the networking port comprises a Universal Serial Bus port

3. (Original) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the networking port comprises a RJ-45 port.

4. (Original) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the power port comprises a 15 volt DC power connector.

5. (Previously Amended) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the power port comprises a multi-pin power connector.

6. (Original) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the power port and networking port are disposed in a common wall of the housing.

7. (Original) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the network is of the type selected from the group consisting of a local area network (LAN), a wide area network (WAN), internet, an intranet, and combination thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) A connector module disposed on a seat of a mobile platform for providing a plurality of connectivity options for connecting a portable electronic device to a power source and network located on-board the mobile platform, the connector module comprising:

a housing adapted to be ~~connected~~ coupled to a seat within the mobile platform ~~aircraft~~ aircraft to ~~as~~ to be readily accessible by an occupant of said seat while said occupant is seated in said seat, wherein the seat comprises a seat cushion, a seat frame and a seat armrest;

a first networking port comprising a Universal Serial Bus disposed in the housing adapted to couple the portable electronic device to the network for providing network connectivity of the portable electronic device, wherein the network is located on-board the mobile platform aircraft;

a second networking port comprising an RJ-45 port disposed in the housing adapted to couple the portable electronic device to the network for providing network connectivity of the portable electronic device; and

a power port disposed in the housing adapted to receive a DC power cable of the portable electronic device for providing power to the portable electronic device.

9. (Currently Amended) The connector module of claim 8 wherein the network is of the type selected from the group consisting of a local area network (LAN), a wide area network (WAN) and an intranet.

10. (Currently Amended) A connector module for use by an occupant in a seat of an aircraft for providing for connecting a portable electronic device to a power source and a network located on-board the aircraft, the connector module comprising:

a housing connected ~~coupled~~ to a seat of the aircraft that is accessible by the occupant of the seat while the occupant is seated in the seat, wherein the seat comprises a seat cushion, a seat frame and a seat armrest;

a first networking port comprising a Universal Serial Bus disposed in the housing adapted to couple the portable electronic device to the network for providing network

connectivity of the portable electronic device wherein the network comprises an on-board network;

a second networking port comprising an RJ-45 port disposed in the housing adapted to couple the portable electronic device to the network for providing network connectivity of the portable electronic device; and

a power port disposed in the housing adapted to receive a DC power cable of the portable electronic device for providing power to the portable electronic device.

11. (New) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a cable.

12. (New) The connector module of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a base housing and a cable wherein the base housing is connected to the seat and the cable is connected between the base housing and the housing.